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Such noble poetry as this is truly above all praise:

[For the Louisville Bulletin.]
GOD IN SPRING.

BY REV. T. HEMSTRAED.

Hosannas to Thy Deity for this,
O'er bursting leaves and song and bloom,
And the gold opulence of flowers, which is
A type of man's sure triumph o'er the tomb!
O, goodly are these ranks of sunny days
Which the warm breath of budding woodlands bring;
We fine our care away one hour to gaze
'Neath the soft eyelids of Thy angel, Spring,
And lift his silver wing.

We will bow down before his face as one
Who comes with tidings from the only King—
Yes, he is Thine; Thy hands did weave this crown,
These golden garlands round his temples cling;
All mute things know his presence and give praise,
The woodbine years around his arms to clasp,
Morn weaves his palace from her inmost rays,
And sweet birds nestle in his hair and sing,
"God of the purple spring!"

We thank Thee for the morning's vernal breeze,
And evening with her locks of sober brown;
We thank Thee for the emerald Summer days
And Autumn with her nights of weary moan;
We thank Thee for the quiet Sabbath hours,
Which speak for man a fairer blossoming,
We thank Thee for the sunset's burnished towers,
But more, more than for these, with all they bring,
We thank Thee for the Spring!

Angel, thy splendors never could have shone
Upon the Orient Uz as here they shine,
Else her immortal bard from thee had known
A softer music for his glorious line;
He would have seen the heralding of the graves,
He would have heard their muffled silence ring
With peans like the noise of many waves,
And ocean's oozy charnels thro' and throng
Through the green gates of Spring.

What is so sweet as clover by the way,
So fresh as violets lifting the dead leaves?
What is so sweet as a bee's hum?
So musical as swallows round the eaves?
What is so sweet as the jasmine bells,
Between whose walls the bee forgets his sting?
Yet these are thine, all these, the spicy dells,
The balm, the glorious tints, the caroling,
O, rose-footed Spring!

Lover of meadow banks, we welcome thee
Back to the orchard paths and yearning hills—
Come, hang thy mantle on the crowsfoot tree,
And scatter dappled pinks and daffodils;
And we will wrathe thy brow and clasp thy knees
With blooms, prefer our fresh thank-offering
Of gentle moods, new hopes, while plowboys bees
Hum through the delicate urns that roll and swing
Around thy limbs, O Spring!

The royal blue-bird whose soft vest was dipped
Long in the August firmament's rich wave,
And the fine robin of thy dews have dipped,
And leant to sing the blossoms from their grave;
All spirits of the sun-bright dawns and boughs
Call thee sweet names, Bridle-rooms of Flowers and King;
The distant valleys and the near hedge-rows,
The silvery vault and glimmering mountains sing
To, delicious Spring!

Great Pan reclined in odoriferous shades and woke
The echoes of the hills, long, long ago,
And white-armed Dryads danced beneath the oak
Nor marked the rapid seasons o'er them flow,
The Crowsdipped along the mountain ways,
But all are past, gone is the Satyr King,
A purer breath the grove and woodland ways,
And with a better Name the flute-note rings
Of Illy-bosomed Spring.

Hosannas for the birds and flowers, O God!
I see Thee in the bloom and mellow beams,
Yet I am and even where so lately robed,
Thy radiant feet and woke the sleeping streams;
Our bosoms for a purer region yearn,
We feel the flutter of the immortal wing
Against its clay walls; unsatisfied we turn
From Summer's crown and the fresh tints that fling
A glory round the Spring.

NEW PASTOR, CONN.

BARBAROUS SPORT.—A four mile race took place at Callahoe, Georgia, on the 3d instant. The entries were Charleston, Frankfort and Sue Washington. This is the summary:

Sue Washington.....2 3 1 1
Frankfort.....3 1 2 2
Charleston.....1 2 3 3
Time, 7:39, 7:40, 8, 8:15.

Frankfort died in five hours after the race, having been run to death.

The four mile race over the Metairie course at New Orleans on the 4th was won by J. G. Manly's Tom McGuffin, beating Red Jacket, Release, and Liz Mar dio. Time, 7:54, 7:59.

EXCURSION TO THE EAST.—At a meeting of the Mechanic Fire Company Saturday night the members made definite arrangements for their contemplated excursion to the East. They will proceed to Baltimore about the 20th of May, and having partaken of the hospitalities of their brother firemen there, will visit Philadelphia, New York and Boston. About fifty of the very flower of the Company will unite in this excursion. They are to have a new uniform, and be properly accoutered in all respects. Mr. E. S. Craig has been invited to accompany the Mechanic boys, and officiate as their spokesman. A better selection could not have been made.

Moses Bettman, an extensive importer of dry goods in New York, was arrested on Monday on a charge of obtaining upwards of \$90,000 worth of goods from various firms under false and fraudulent pretences. He was taken on Tuesday before Justice Davies, who held him to answer in the sum of \$4,000, and granted an injunction restraining the transfer or removal of any of the stock in the accused's store.

FIREMEN INJURED.—On Saturday evening, as the Washington company was returning from the false alarm of fire, Wm. Phillips, one of the members, was run over at the corner of Jefferson and Fourth streets. The engine passed over both of his legs. A young man named Hale, of the Relief company, was also injured.

HORSE STEALING.—On Saturday Mr. Kirkpatrick the Chief of the Police arrested a man named Lewis, who is charged with horse stealing in Indiana.

Throughout New England the people call whisky toddies "Kalloch's," after the reverend clergyman of that name.

Fanny Kemble has written a letter pronouncing the moral influence of the stage evil, and only evil.

A policeman in New Orleans, named John Parr, was shot one night last week while attempting to rob a house.

Major E. J. Eastman, editor of the Nashville Union, has been appointed General Mail Agent for the South and West.

The Post Master General has made Chattanooga, Tenn., a distributing Post Office.

RIVER AND STEAMBOAT MATTERS.

PORTLAND TELEGRAPH LINE.

Office at Portland, Delme's Drug Store, on the wharf.

Office at Shippingport, in the Canal Office.

Office at Louisville, Durrett's Clothing Store, corner Fourth and Water streets.

The river in the twenty-four hours ending last evening, had fallen two inches, and was then nearly at a stand, with 6 feet 5 inches water on the falls and 9 feet 1 inch in the canal.

The Kentucky river commenced rising on Saturday.

At Cincinnati the river was about at a stand on Saturday. It will doubtless commence rising here to-day.

According to the Nashville papers the Cumberland was still falling on Friday evening, with 4 feet water on the shoals.

The City of Memphis.—Capt. Kountz's new steamer bearing this name arrived from Pittsburgh last evening, and after lying at the wharf for a few hours, was taken over the falls safely and proceeded to New Orleans. The City of Memphis is one of the largest boats afloat. Her hull has the following dimensions: length 300 feet, beam 45 feet, and depth 7 1/2 feet. She has two engines, each 8 feet stroke, two doctors, six five feet boilers, 30 feet long, and a steam apparatus for taking freight out of and putting it into the hold, on an entirely new plan, which is called an "Elevator." It is a great improvement on the old plan. The cabin, which, as well as the engines, are those of the old Crystal Palace, is finely furnished and decorated. It contains 58 large state rooms, and the guards are the widest we have ever seen on steamboats. Bath houses and all other conveniences are attached to it. The cabin is warmed by steam. The City of Memphis is intended for the St. Louis and New Orleans trade, and it is believed that she can carry 1,800 tons. She had in tow the hull of the Crystal Palace, which is to be used for a wharf-boat.

The R. J. Ward for New Orleans.—This splendid steamer, commanded by Capt. Silas T. Miller, will leave for New Orleans this evening. Nothing can exceed the splendor of her accommodations, and for her table it is not excelled either on water or on land. Capt. Miller is well known as an efficient commander and a clever gentleman. The Ward arrived on Saturday morning, but we did not receive her papers till Saturday night when they were out of date. We understand that she had five hundred sacks of coffee.

For the Missouri River.—The J. H. Oglesby, Capt. Oglesby, will leave for the Missouri river to-day. The O. is a large and elegant boat, and well officered.

For St. Louis.—The Fashion, Capt. Reid, is the packet for St. Louis to-day.

The Jacob Strader is the mailboat for Cincinnati and the Delegate is up for Pittsburgh.

The Pete Whetstone arrived from New Orleans yesterday, and attempted to come up over the Falls, but did succeed.

The Chancellor has laid up for a short time.

The fine steamer Fanny Bullitt, Capt. Dunham, is advertised to leave for New Orleans on Wednesday. She will probably be able to come up over the Falls to-day or to-morrow.

The Henry Fitzhugh will leave for the Arkansas river to-day. She will take freight for all points on the Arkansas river.

COUNTERFEITING, MURDER, AND LYNCH LAW AT BELLEVUE, IOWA.—Thomas Oliver, the driver of the stage between Galena and Bellevue, gives the following facts, which have created the most intense excitement in Bellevue.

For some time past there has existed a gang of counterfeiters in Bellevue, of whom one or two were suspected, and a man named Ingle is said to have been connected with them, and threatened to expose the leader of the gang. He (the ringleader) was overheard to say that he would send to Louisiana for his nephew, who would shut Ingle's mouth, and that "dead men tell no tales." His nephew came, was introduced to Ingle, became quite intimate with him immediately, and the second day proposed a hunt. Ingle agreed, and after they had proceeded a distance into the woods, Ingle preceding his comrade, directed to a squirrel in a tree, and while Ingle was looking at it, the other shot him, the ball entering the back of the head, and penetrating quite through the front of the forehead. The murderer returned to Bellevue, and the body having been found two days afterwards, he was arrested and confined in jail.

At about 8 o'clock on Sunday afternoon last, the citizens of Bellevue, fearing that he would in some manner escape, went to the jail and demanded the murderer. The jailer refused, they armed themselves with crowbars, &c., broke into the jail, took him, giving the prisoner twenty minutes respite. He confessed to the murder, said he was hired by the counterfeiters, and only wished that they should share his fate. He said he had killed a man in Louisiana, and had twice attempted to murder a woman. After this confession was made in the hearing of three hundred citizens he was hung.

Attempts were made to arrest the two counterfeiters, but one had escaped, and the other was having an examination—either in Bellevue or in some town near by—upon a charge of counterfeiting. The justice declared that the man should not be dismissed until the examination, and presented a double-barrelled gun, with which he threatened to shoot the first man that interfered. The crowd was thus kept at bay, and the man, it appears, was suffered to escape through the back door.

When the steamer Flora arrived at Bellevue, this man managed to get on board, which was discovered just after the boat had left the shore. A party of 150 men started down the river for the next landing place, expecting to anticipate the arrival of the boat.

When Mr. Oliver left Bellevue they had not returned, and the greatest excitement was prevailing among the inhabitants.

Another account states that one of the counterfeiters was arrested by the people of Bellevue, and that the man on board of the Flora was under the charge of an officer, to put him in jail in some place where he would be safe from the excited populace of Bellevue.

Just about seventeen years ago last Saturday, if we remember rightly, the "Great Lynching" took place at Bellevue, when ten or fifteen persons were killed. We are sorry to hear of this new violence.

Galena Ad., April 15.

[From this morning's Journal.]

WASHINGTON, April 18.

William Kerr, postmaster at Kingston, N. Y., and John M. Brown, Sandusky, Ohio, are reappointed.

The awards for contracts for carrying the mails in the New England States, New York, and in others, for a less period than four years will be announced next Saturday.

Mr. Fuller, of Maine, is appointed second Auditor of the Treasury.

CINCINNATI, April 18, P. M.

Weather cloudy and damp. The river is about stationary. A rise is expected.

NICARAGUA.—The intelligence brought by the

Tennessee fully confirm the reports already telegraphed via Charleston, respecting the retreat of Lockridge, the explosion of the J. N. Scott, &c.

Col. Lockridge advanced to Castillo on the 28th of March with 300 men on board the steamers Scott and Rescue. He found the enemy had fortified Nelson's Hill, 250 yards in the rear of the Castle, with strong breastworks, ditches, several large guns and 500 men. He retreated without making an attack, and destroyed all the fortifications below Castillo, abandoning all hope of opening the River. He disbanded the two battalions of recruits and formed another from those who were willing to go to Walker or via Panama.

April 2d, the boiler of the "Scott" exploded near Serrapiqui, killing and wounding about fifty of the officers and men. The sick and wounded were immediately sent to Punta Arenas, upon the Rescue. The Tennessee brought away all who were able to be removed.

Col. Lockridge was up the river with a portion of his force and a large supply of provisions.

The Tennessee left in the harbor of San Juan, April 6th. H. B. M. war steamers Orion, Cossack, Archer, Tartar, Pioneer and Intrepid.

The following are the names of the returned soldiers from Walker's army at Nicaragua:

Dr. Geo. S. Miller, Lieut. J. H. Travis, Privates, J. D. Barton, J. M. Holden, J. W. Barren, J. G. Starr, J. Butt, F. Williams, A. Smith, Alfred Goff, James Fitzgerald, J. Tully, M. Schreiber, A. Nolf, N. Smith, J. McGehee, J. E. Hunt, M. Kiley, W. W. Johnston, Wm. Braderberg, J. Bleeker, Wm. Gendover, E. Hamilton, A. Huntman, Wm. Wright, J. M. Gage, Wm. Carrotte, Thos. Ferris, J. D. Penn, M. McKlosky, J. W. Billing, H. G. Rossan, C. Brown, J. McClinton, J. Eckstein, J. Locan, S. Shivers, E. S. Baker, J. O'Connell, C. J. Judkins, N. B. Taylor, F. Klippa, F. Charlton, T. S. McFeely, J. A. Ward, Wm. Neef, Thos. G.

Further Particulars.—Explosion of the J. N. Scott.—Large Number of Killed and Wounded.—Condition of the Soldiers.—The Tennessee brought on twenty-five men recently connected with Walker's army. They are in a state of pitiable destitution, poorly clad, gaunt with hunger and privation, and penniless. They are all rejoiced, however, to have escaped from the perils of Nicaragua on any terms. We have had a conversation with a number of them, intelligent young Americans, who agree on the following particulars of news since the last arrival, bringing an account of the attack on Castillo of March 28th.

The report of the capture of that place and a large loss of Lockridge's men proves to be entirely unfounded. Col. Lockridge advanced on the town with some 200 men, but seeing that it was in possession of a far superior force, prudently retreated to Kelly's, where he was joined by Col. Titus's battalion. The whole force, including about 80 sick and wounded, numbered some 270 men; of these, 160 were newly arrived Texans. The soldiers were nearly destitute of provisions, and were put on an allowance of one cracker a day, no meat, and a cup of very weak tea without sugar. The disabled were stowed away in a temporary hospital made out of an old shed 40 feet long and 20 wide, devoid of all accommodations. They had nothing softer to lie on than the rough bamboo floor, peculiar to houses in that country. Medicines were scarce, and the small stock on hand was almost worthless, and there was only one army surgeon to attend to the wants of all the patients.

In this desperate condition of affairs Col. Lockridge concluded to make one more attempt to join Gen. Walker now at Rivas, by the way of the San Juan River, Panama, Aspanival, up to San Juan del Sur, and thence to Rivas about 15 miles from the latter place. On the 1st of April he accordingly called all of his men together who were able to stand in the ranks and addressed them.

He complimented the soldiers on the bravery and patience which they had exhibited under the severe trials to which they had been so long subjected. He regarded the taking of the forts up the river as practically impossible and did not ask the men to volunteer on any such service. He had been disappointed by the non-arrival of bombshells and mortars from New Orleans, without which he would be powerless before the enemy's fortifications. He then proposed to lead them to Gen. Walker by the route above specified. He wanted only those to accompany him who were perfectly willing to go and could speak good English. The sick, wounded, and persons desiring to return to the States, he would take to Punta Arenas, where they could wait for the first chance to go home. He asked those to step forward in front who were willing to make the effort to join Gen. Walker. About 100 men responded by advancing from the ranks and cheering. Some of the men who remained behind expressed their disapprobation by groaning.

The whole force, those who still stick to Walker's fortunes, the mal contents, the sick and wounded, then went on board the steamers J. N. Scott and the Rescue, which were lying at the beach ready to take them down the river. A barge, carrying a six pounder, two smaller pieces of artillery, and the small remaining store of bread and meat was taken in tow by the J. N. Scott. The sick were placed in the J. N. Scott, principally on the second deck. The Rescue also carried a gun.

On the first day of their voyage down the river, when nearing Fort Slater, two of the flues of the Scott exploded, but without doing any serious damage. The steamer put in at Fort Slater a short time for repairs and resumed her course. On the afternoon of the second day the Scott stopped at the beach, about 32 miles from Kelly's, and a mile and a half above Serrapiqui, for the purpose of making a reconnaissance of that place, as it was expected that the Costa Ricans were entrenched there ready to give the steamers a warm reception as they went by. The steamer Rescue, about a quarter of a mile behind the Scott at that time, was to be sent on this mission.

Shortly after the Scott touched the beach the boiler blew out with a terrible explosion, killing three men outright and wounding and scalding about forty others in the most shocking manner. A large number were blown into the river, which fortunately was only 7 or 8 feet deep at the stern of the boat.

Among them was General Wheat, well known in this city, who as soon as his head appeared above water, yelled out to the boys not to jump overboard, (which some of them were about to do,) but to remain where they were. The Rescue soon came up and rendered an essential service in picking out the sufferers from the river and taking them off the boat. The force of the explosion proved to have been prodigious, tearing away the whole of one of the wheel-houses, the second deck where bar was situated, the top deck abut the wheel house, and considerably damaging the hull.

The Rescue proceeded with the wounded to Serrapiqui, where ten or eight of them soon died. The remainder were then taken to Punta Arenas, several dying on the way or soon after their arrival there. The whole number of deaths resulting from the disaster is believed to be about 25, and of the wounded alive at last accounts, 18. Among the dead are Maj. Morry, Capt. Haight of New Orleans, and Lieut. Conklin of New York. On reaching Punta Arenas the proposed expedition to join Gen. Walker was abandoned as impracticable. The men who had expressed their willingness to accompany Col. Lockridge, refused to go. The sick and wounded were nearly all consumed, and the stock of medicines quite exhausted, and it is not probable that many of the suffering can revive unless assistance is speedily rendered by the English fleet in the vicinity.

The position of Walker may

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